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SENATOR JONES: Okay. It's just opposite than what we was, but we're going to do the same now as they're going to do. Okay. Well, thank you. And that concerns, you know, because of whether they go over there to try to do it on labor now. I doubt it because they do have it on labor over there, but not on the repairs, so it will be another complication across the border. But, again, I'm concerned about the confusion that's going on, and try to get this on and also on the sales tax on services, and so I'm going to oppose this whole bill right now and see what we can work out on LB 759 because they do have repairs on the labor, sales tax on the labor in...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JONES: ...LB 759 taken out. So with that, I'm going to oppose the whole thing right now. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Stuhr, followed by Senator Schrock.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I, too, want to concur with many of the remarks that have been made, especially in regard to ag production and ag producers and the effect that this would have on our industry. We do have, I believe, a much larger amount of repairs than many other professions. I do believe that we need to look at restructuring, but as many before me have said, with 15 days left we all know that we don't have the time to look at the complete restructuring. I made the comment before, I believe when we were talking on LB 759, that when we're taxing construction labor, when we're taxing repair labor, that we are hitting those of a lower income. Those are the ones that are driving the older cars. Those are the ones that are wanting to remodel and redo their home. Another concern that I have, and I think it was pointed out in the fiscal note, is that when we're adding this tax on services we are also adding the local option tax. Now I have a little problem with that, and I don't know if that can be separated off and that we just would stick with the 5.5 percent and not add that additional local option tax. The reason I say that is actually in 2004 we're going to be adding another \$3 million collected from people that will go to the